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The Italian cabinet crisis continues unresolved. Piccioni has abandoned efforts to form a government, reportedly because the Liberals and the Social Democrats and even members of his own party objected to his proposed inclusion of too many "familiar Christian Democratic faces."

If De Gasperi continues unwilling to try again, Christian Democrat
Fanfani is likely to be the next premier-designate. Talk of general elections continues.